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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I disagree with the idea of deregulating the Medical Radiologic Technology (MRT) license. I am a practicing RT and feel this change would devalue my job status. The degree I worked hard to achieve would mean nothing to potential employers in the future. They would undoubtedly hire a lesser qualified person at a lower cost to them, thus driving down the pay rate I feel I have earned. More importantly, the ionizing radiation dose to patients would increase due to untrained individuals operating machinery and technology they are unfamiliar with. Case in point, i have been to a chiropractor office where (somehow) the nurse was allowed to get spinal imaging. This took several exposures to get right. I mentioned I am an RT and suggested a technique to be used for my own X-ray so I could save myself from even more unnecessary exposures but the nurse just laughed it off.

This is the type of situation we will encounter, all of us, if licensed RT's are deregulated and Joe Blow can come in off the street and get a crash course in radiography. With the steady increase in cancer every year this is the last thing we need.

I am a husband and a father, I don't have time to go back to school and start over anymore. There are over 22,000 licensed RT's in Texas, many of whom are likely in the same situation as me. Devaluing that many jobs would be heartless. Sure, we would not see immediate changes, but I chose this path as a career not a stop along the way. Building a retirement with this degree would become increasingly more difficult, if deregulated, as more and more employers hire the cheaper, more dangerous option.

Thank you for your consideration. When making this decision please think of the health of patients statewide, and the livelihood of the 22,000+ RT's who would be negatively affected by deregulation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Find a way to keep MRT license a requirement to work with ionizing radiation in a healthcare setting.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree